

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 2, line 27 with the following amended paragraph:

--Each fastener element head tip preferably defines an entrance height, measured perpendicular to the sheet-form base below a lowermost extent of the tip, of between about 7 and 12 millimeters.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 17 with the following amended paragraph:

--Each fastener element preferably has an overall height of between about 10 and 50 millimeters, measured from and perpendicular to the base, more preferably between about 20 and 30 millimeters.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 20 with the following amended paragraph:

--Each fastener element head preferably has an overall height of between about 10 and 20 millimeters, measured perpendicular to the sheet-form base from a lowermost extent of the tip of the head to an uppermost extent of the head.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 3, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

--In some cases, each crook defines an overall crook height, measured perpendicular to the sheet-form base from a lowermost extent of the tip to an uppermost extent of the crook, of at least 6.0 millimeters.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

--Referring to Figs. 1 and 2, a male touch fastener component 100 includes a field of fastener elements 102 arranged in rows R extending outwardly from and integrally with a sheet-form base 104. Spacing S between rows may be controlled by the manufacturing process and will be discussed further below. Fastener elements 102 are palm tree-shaped hooks and are engageable in two directions along a plane (i.e., an engagement plane) perpendicular to sheet-form base 104 ~~the in the~~ direction of rows R. Each fastener element 102 includes two heads 106 extending from a single stem 108.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 16 with the following amended paragraph:

--The overall height A of fastener element 102 is measured in side view perpendicular to sheet-form base 104 from the top of the sheet-form base. Under crook height C is the distance measured in side view, perpendicular to the sheet-form base, between the lowermost extent of the tip 260 and the apex 258 of the crook. Entrance height E is the distance measured in side view, perpendicular to the sheet-form base, from the top of the sheet-form base to the lowermost extent of tip 260. If part of the stem is directly below the lowermost extent of the tip 260, then the distance is measured from that portion of the stem directly below to the lowermost extent of the tip 260. Head height J of fastener element 102 is measured perpendicular to sheet-form base 104 from the lowermost extent of tip 260 to the highest elevation of the head 106 above the base. In general, J will be the difference between A and E. Well height G is measured in side view from the lower extent of stem 108 to the lower extent of well ~~256254~~ defined in the upper surface of the fastener element between the heads.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 6 with the following amended paragraph:

--Further description of the embodiment of Fig. 3 can be found in an application entitled "MULTIPLE-CROOK MALE TOUCH FASTENER ELEMENTS," filed concurrently herewith

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and assigned U.S. Serial Number 10/688,320, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated in full by reference.--

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 14, line 3 with the following amended paragraph:

--In one useful embodiment, pre-formed material 215 is a loose knit scrim, such as Knit 3901 from Velcro USA in Manchester, New Hampshire, although Velcro USA loop products 3900, 3905, and 3400 may also be employed. Knit 3901 is a 2 bar Tricot knit nylon fabric which generally must be brushed or napped before it can be employed as the functioning loop of a hook and loop closure. However, it has been found to function well as a reinforcement when at least partially encapsulated by, or bonded to, the base resin contiguous with the resin forming the hooks, without brushing or napping. Reinforcing the base with such a scrim has been found to improve the stitch tear strength of the product, providing a resin-base hook product practical for attachment by sewing or stitching. Further details regarding scrim materials are described in an application entitled "PLASTIC SHEET REINFORCEMENT," filed concurrently herewith and assigned U.S. Serial Number 10/688,301, the disclosure of which is hereby incorporated in full by reference.--